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**TO:** Council on Elementary and Secondary Education

**FROM:** Angélica Infante-Green, Commissioner *a. Infante*

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Necessity of School Construction: Foster

The Council on Elementary and Secondary Education has as one of its responsibilities reviewing and certifying the need for school construction projects to be reimbursed through the school housing aid program and the SBA Capital Fund. Most large projects are supported by bonds and are comprehensive projects with major renovation and/or new construction components. Article 9 of the FY16 State Budget lifted the moratorium on school construction, created the School Building Authority (SBA) at the RI Department of Education, created the SBA Capital Fund, and changed the multi-stage Necessity of School Construction application to an annual process. Because of this, the Council will be asked to review and approve projects each fiscal year.

At this meeting, the Council is being asked to approve Necessity of School Construction applications. A chart summarizing Foster Public Schools' projects is provided in Attachment 1.

**RECOMMENDATION: THAT, the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education approve the necessity of school construction projects for the Foster School District totaling \$1,000,000 pursuant to 16-7-41.1 as follows (please note that when the applicable reimbursement share ratios are applied to the estimated total project costs noted below, the state share is expected to be \$350,000, which includes \$52,500 in pay-as-you-go funding):**

**Foster School District:**

- a. Repairs and Renovations:
  - i. Captain Isaac Paine Elementary School \$ 1,000,000

## SUMMARY: FY 2019 NECESSITY OF CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

FOSTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	JUSTIFICATION	FY 2019 AID SHARE RATIO*	ESTIMATED PROJECT COST	STATE SHARE	STATE SHARE W/ INTEREST**
<b>Repairs and Renovations</b>	This project will address repairs at Capitan Isaac Paine. The proposed repairs will address exterior envelope repairs, interior improvements, HVAC improvements, security enhancements, site repairs, and other systems improvements.	This project will address high priority deficiencies to exterior envelope, HVAC and mechanical systems, electrical, and plumbing systems. The projects will also include other building system improvements that affect student and staff health and safety.	Base Rate  35%	\$1,000,000	\$350,000	\$350,000
			Maximum Rate  52.5%***	\$1,000,000	\$525,000	\$525,000

\* State share ratio is based on FY2019 calculation, pursuant to RIGL 16-7-41(b).

\*\* Only bonds financed through RIHEBC are eligible for reimbursement on interest.

\*\*\* District may be eligible for up to 17.5% additional reimbursement, pursuant to RIGL 16-7-40.